Seantor Thomas J. Dodd, former FBI agent who built a political career on prefessional anti-Communism, while besieged in the press, by his caolleggues and in an official Senatre proceeding concerned with his fine financial pecadillos, seized on the Garrison probe to launch another anti-Commist venture in the apparent but futile hope it would, magically as it had in the past, help him. According to the Associated Press of February 21, he asked the Warren Commission (which he well knew had not existe existed for more than two years) to "reopen its investigation to determine" if Oswald "had Communist conspirators".

This, as Dodd also knew, is exactly the opposite of the thrust of the New Orleans investigation. Thus did Dodd, in his own political and personal desparation, make a futile effort to earn help by continuing to misdirect publuc attention.